

GAP/GHP COST SHARE PROGRAM



USDA GAP & GHP Audit Verification Program is a voluntary, fee-for-service program, developed at the request of the fruit and vegetable industry and state departments of agriculture in response to growing food safety concerns among U.S. consumers. USDA trained and licensed auditors provide an unbiased review of growers, handlers, or receivers' practices to minimize food safety hazards. This program is not a regulatory or mandatory audit required by any state or federal regulation.

- **A GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) audit** measures efforts to reduce the risk of microbial contamination at the farm/harvesting level of production. Farms are audited against good agricultural practice guidelines.
- **A GHP (Good Handling Practices) audit** measures efforts to reduce the risk of microbial contamination after harvest in the packing, handling, storage, transportation and processing stages. GHP audits are typically performed on raw agricultural commodities that are not subject to FDA Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) regulations.

For more information on GAP and GHP, please visit: http://datcp.wi.gov/Business/Fruit_and_Vegetable_Inspection/index.aspx

COST SHARE

Wisconsin is currently administering a cost share program to help defray the cost of this audit. The cost share program allows for eligible parties to be reimbursed 75% of the audit cost, with no cap on the amount. To be eligible, a GAP/GHP audit must be conducted, and the bill must be paid on time. The audit does not need to be passed to receive reimbursement.

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